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In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1751

Examiner: B. Mruk

For: **LOW-MOLECULAR (METH)ACRYLIC  
ACID (SALT)-BASED POLYMER AND ITS  
PRODUCTION PROCESS AND USES**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the November 17, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.



**PATENT**

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In re Application of: **Akiko HEMMI et al.**

Serial No.: **09/887,345**

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Declaration Under 1.132 in the above-identified application:

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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INDEP	3	- 3 =	0	x 43 =	\$	x 86 =	\$
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☒ Any additional excess claim fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.

☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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